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IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects under construction under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) during 2004-05 and 2005 - 2006;

(b) the total irrigation potential added under the said programme so far and the target of land in hectares proposed to be irrigated;

(c) whether the Government proposes to sanction more projects under it to augment irrigation facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in 1996-97 to accelerate completion of such ongoing approved major/medium projects which were beyond the resources capability of the State Governments and were in an advanced stage of completion. Upto 2004-05, 184 ongoing major/medium irrigation projects have been included under the programme out of which 40 projects are reported to have been completed by the State Governments so far, leaving 144 projects as on-going under AIBP as on 1.4.2005. No additional project has been included under the programme during 2005-06.

(b) The target irrigation potential to be created on completion of the projects receiving assistance under AIBP is about 6.77 Million hectare (M.ha) and an irrigation potential of 2.676 M.ha has been created upto 2003-04.

(c) & (d) The criteria for inclusion of projects under the programme has been relaxed and revised guidelines of the programme effective from 1.4.2005 have been circulated to all the States with a view to include more projects under the programme to augment the irrigation facilities. The inclusion of additional projects under the programme depends upon the proposals received from the State Governments as per the guidelines.